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### COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. The above-identified amendments are better understood with reference to the attached pages entitled **VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES**, in which changes to previously pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and bracketing to indicate deletions.

#### *Applicant Has Corrected Some Typographical Errors*

Upon review of the claims, Applicant identified some typographical errors that have now been corrected. The amendments do not add new matter and do not narrow the claims. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

#### *Response To Restriction Requirement*

Applicant hereby elects Species II. At least Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 14-19, 21-24, 28, 29, 31-33, 35 and 40 read on the elected species. In addition, Applicant submits that Claims 1, 15-18, 23, 24, 28, 29, 31, 33 and 35 are generic. Consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call

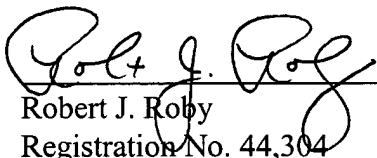
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Applicant's attorney, Robert J. Roby at (949) 721-6359 (direct line), in order to resolve such issue promptly.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 6, 12, 28, 31 and 38 have been amended as follows:

6. **(Amended)** The suspension system of Claim 1, wherein said flow regulator comprises a third flow regulating chamber and said first flow regulating chamber and said second flow regulating chamber are segregated from each other by a movable partition and said first flow regulating chamber and said first conduit communicate through a throttled passage extending through said movable partition **[and said flow regulator and said pressure regulator are connected by a second conduit as well]**.

12. **(Amended)** The suspension system of Claim 11, wherein said throttle is positioned at a juncture **[being] between** fluid lines extending from said third damper and said fourth damper.

28. **(Amended)** The suspension system of Claim 23 further comprising a throttle positioned along said fluid passage between said flow regulator **and** at least one of said first movement restricting portion and said second movement restricting portion.

31. **(Amended)** A suspension system for a four wheeled vehicle, said suspension system comprising a first damper, a second damper, a third damper and a fourth damper, each of said dampers comprising a piston device arranged to act upon fluid within at least two fluid chambers, each of the fluid chambers being in fluidic communication with each other, at least one of the chambers of the first damper and at least one of the chambers of the second damper being interconnected with a pressure regulator, said pressure regulator including a first pressure regulating chamber and a second pressure regulating chamber, a first movable wall defining at least a portion of said first pressure regulating chamber and a second movable wall defining at least a portion of said second pressure regulating chamber, said at least one chamber of said first damper being connected to said first pressure regulating chamber and said at least one chamber of said second damper being connected to said second pressure regulating chamber, a passage extending between said first pressure regulating chamber and said second pressure regulating

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chamber, said pressure regulator further comprising a third pressure regulating chamber, said third pressure regulating chamber being connected with said third damper and said fourth damper through at least a first conduit, a flow regulator being disposed along said first conduit and being in fluid communication with said first conduit, said flow regulator containing a first flow regulating chamber and a second flow regulating chamber, and said first flow regulating chamber and said first conduit **[communication] communicating** through a throttled passage.

38. (Amended) The suspension system of Claim [6] 31, further comprising a throttle disposed along said first conduit, and said throttle being positioned at a juncture being fluid lines extending from said third damper and said fourth damper.

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